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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11/21/2003 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-22 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the

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reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-7, 9-18 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Le Scolan et al "hereinafter" Le Scolan (USPN 20050237928).

As per claim 1, 9, 12 and 20, Le Scolan teaches a method for the insertion of information to synchronize a destination node with a data stream transmitted from an entry terminal in a heterogeneous network, the heterogeneous network including at least one sub-network conveying first packets and one basic network conveying second packets, the entry terminal being connected to the sub-network, the sub-network being connected to the basic network by means of an entry node forming the second packets from at least one sub-part of at least one first packet "In a communication network consisting of two or more serial communication buses in accordance with IEEE 1394 standard, when several buses are connected together by means of bridges, one of the synchronization nodes CM amongst all the synchronization nodes of all the buses is chosen as a reference for the entire network." (Fig. 2 ¶ 0157-0159),

wherein, at the occurrence of at least one pre-determined

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event, the entry node:

forms a second synchronization packet such that the beginning of the useful information of the second synchronization packet corresponds to the beginning of a first packet "the reference moment identifying the appearance of a reference event at one of the nodes A and B. For example, the reference event considered is the start of a data frame transmitted between nodes A and B and the reference moment corresponds to the moment when this frame starts." (§ 0186-0187);

inserts a synchronization marker in the second synchronization packet (synchronization information is inserted into a receive frame and each communication network being synchronized by exchanging a synchronization information between the node and the apparatus § 0104, 0109 and § 0186-0187); and

modifies the size of a second packet preceding the second synchronization packets (§ 0271-0273 and § 0352-0354).

As per claims 2 and 13, Le Scolan teaches a method wherein said predetermined event is reached at a predetermined instant from among a plurality of predetermined instants (§ 0186-0188).

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As per claims 3 and 14, Le Scolan teaches a method, wherein the plurality of predetermined instants succeed one another in a cycle with a fixed period (¶ 0186-0188 and ¶ 0316)

As per claims 4 and 15, Le Scolan teaches a method, wherein said predetermined event is the reception, by the entry node, of a synchronization request (¶ 0186-0188 and ¶ 0315-0318).

As per claims 5 and 16, Le Scolan teaches a method, wherein the synchronization request is sent out by a node belonging to the group comprising: a first destination node, to which there is connected a first destination terminal that has formulated a first request for connection with the entry terminal, to receive said data stream; a second destination node, to which there is connected a second destination terminal that has formulated a second request for connection with the entry terminal, to receive said data stream, after a connection has already been set up between the first destination terminal and the entry terminal for said data stream (¶ 0186-0188; ¶ 0218-0227 and ¶ 0315-0318).

As per claims 6 and 17, Le Scolan teaches a method, wherein the entry node modifies the size of the second synchronization

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packet, in such a way that the sum of the modified size of the preceding second packet and the modified size of the second synchronization packet is substantially equal to the normal size of a second packet (§ 0271-0273 and § 0352-0354).

As per claims 7 and 18, Le Scolan teaches a method, wherein the entry node manages a mechanism for the obtaining, after each occurrence of a predetermined event, of the current distance, in memory, between a memorized position of a forthcoming start of a first packet and a current position of a read pointer used for the building of the second packets (§ 196-0200; § 0271-0273 and § 0352-0354).

As per claim 10 and 21, Le Scolan teaches a method, following the transfer of the first synchronization packet, the destination node: forms first packets out of second packets associated with the data stream; transfers the first packets formed on the sub-network (see fig. 2).

As per claim 11 and 22, Le Scolan teaches a method wherein so long as it has not detected a second synchronization packet, the destination node swallows the second received packets, without forming first packets. (§ 0186-0189 and § 0410-0412).

Conclusion

The prior made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yasin Bargadle whose telephone number is 571-272-3947. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

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